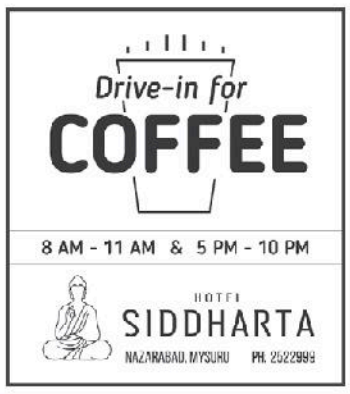

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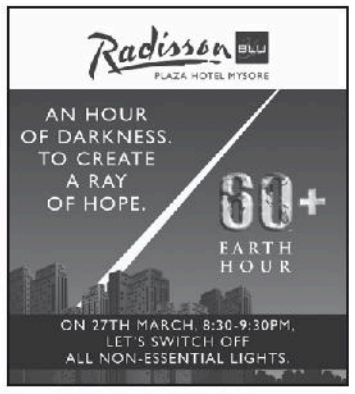


'India displays nationalism by distributing COVID-19 vaccine to its neighbours'

MP Tejasvi Surya speaks at National Seminar in city

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (PM&SSV)- Strongly advocating nationalism, BJP Yuva Morcha National President and Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya said that he will not compromise when it comes to protection of regional languages. The essence of regionalism is its mother-tongue and it needs to be preserved and protected at any cost.

He was speaking at a National Seminar on 'National Integration and Regional Freedom' organised by Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit, as part of B.S. Siddalinga Shetty Endowment, Siddarammanni Siddalinga Shetty Endowment, Siddananjappa Endowment and Shanthadevi Siddananjappa Endowment, at JSS Women's College in Saraswathipuram, this morning.

Tejasvi Surya said that several countries spoke of nationalism but India displayed it by distributing the much-needed COVID-19 vaccine among its neighbours including its arch rival. First and foremost, they need to understand the real meaning of nationalism before commenting or criticising anyone. Till the BJP-led NDA Government came to power in the Centre, all the previous Governments totally neglected North-Eastern States. They started witnessing development works only after Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister in 2014. The rich cultural heritage of India has held people together, he observed.

The young orator of BJP said that regional languages will get its due importance in the recently-announced National Education Policy (NEP) which will be implemented in a phased manner from next year.

(See NATIONALISM on page 7)

***Minor Irrigation Minister J.C. Madhuswamy** (third from right) **seen inaugurating the seminar on 'National Integration and Regional Freedom' at JSS College for Women in city this morning. Others seen are former MLC Thontadarya, Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya, MLC N. Ravikumar, former MLA Vasu and SVYM Founder Dr. R. Balasubramaniam.** [Pic. by Pragathi Gopalakrishna]*

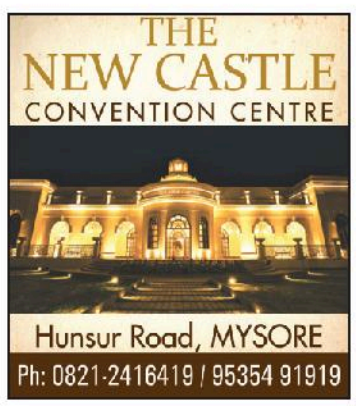
Obituary

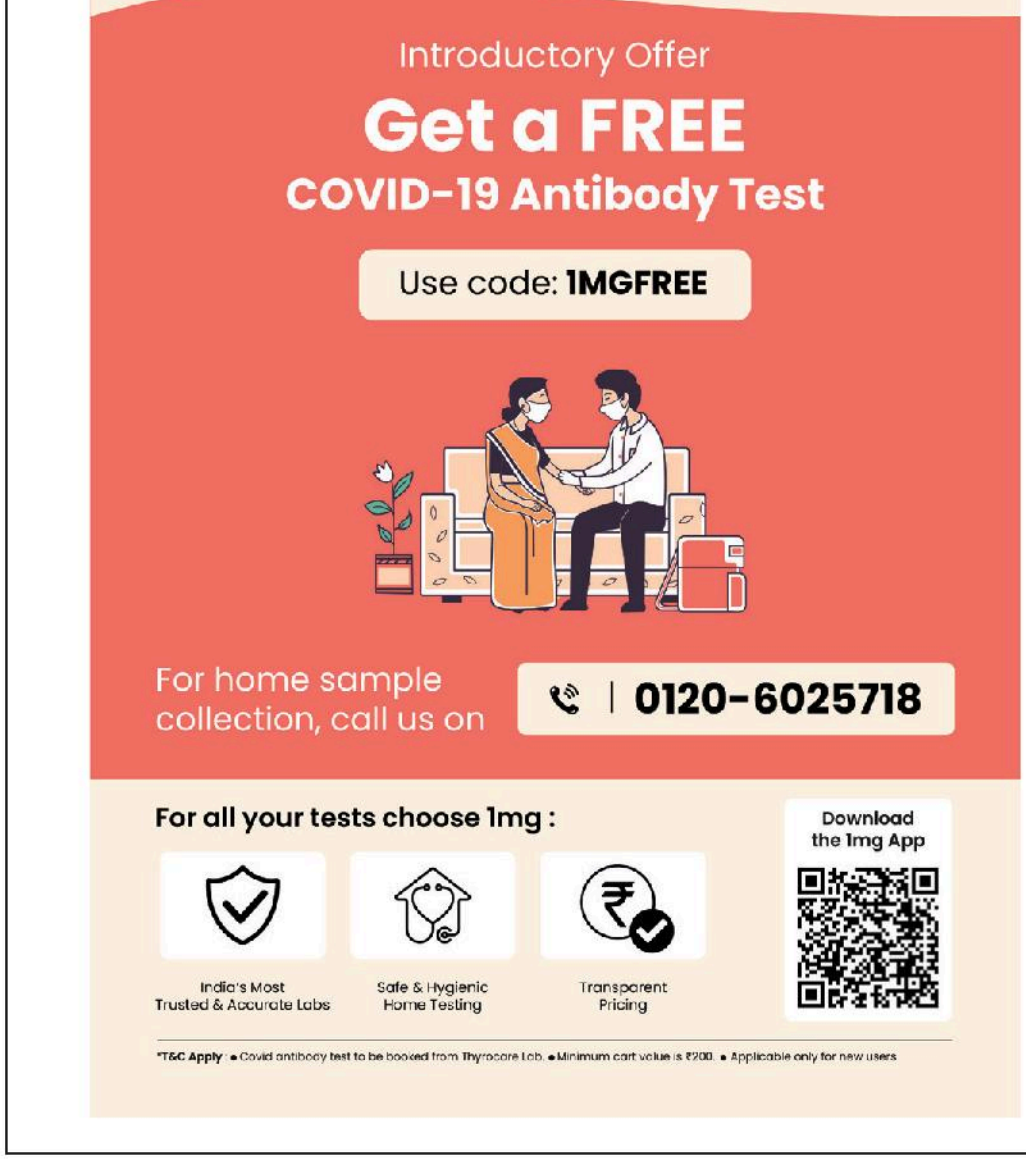
M.P. Vilasa Kumari

Mysuru, Mar. 27- M.P. Vilasa Kumari (60), wife of H.P. Prasad, Manager - Finance & Administration, Academy Newspapers Private Limited, Mysuru and a resident of #626, 'Siddhanth,' 4th Cross, I-Block, Ramakrishnanagar, passed away at a private hospital in city this morning.

She leaves behind her husband, sons Shamanth Jain and Samarth Jain and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed in city this afternoon, according to family sources





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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 27th March 2021

Schools reporting COVID-19 cluster outbreak to be shut down, says DHO

Mysuru, Mar.27 (MTY&DM)- Expressing concern over rise in the number of students contracting the deadly Coronavirus, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. T. Amarnath said that such schools which report 15-20 cases of COVID-19 positive cases among students will be sanitised and will be shut down for 14 days.

Dr. Amarnath

Speaking to presspersons at his Office in Nazarbad on Thursday, Dr. Amarnath regretted that the public are not following COVID-19 norms. Noting that public apathy towards adherence to the norms has resulted in the rise of Corona positive cases, he said that RT-PCR testing across the district will be enhanced.

Pointing out that five persons in ATI (Administrative Training Institute) have tested positive, Dr. Amarnath said that they have been isolated and given treatment. Observing that many people from outside the State come to ATI for training, he said that the outbreak may be due to Inter-State travel.

Maintaining that the Health Department is fully prepared to meet all Government directions on containing the spread of the pandemic, he asked the members of the public to follow safety measures such as wearing of face mask and maintenance of physical distancing.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

VAX POPULI: Thanks to India's anti-COVID vaccination drive — among the largest in the world — the word snapshot has gained an entirely new meaning, denoting not just a quickie photograph, or shot, but, specifically, a photograph taken of someone being administered a shot, or injection. Social media is seeing a tsunami of such snapshots, a trend which might owe its origin to the widely-publicised pix in the mainstream media depicting national luminaries such as the PM and the President of the Republic showing themselves to be model, civic citizens chock-full of social responsibility by getting vaccinated and lending a helping hand — or, more precisely, a helping arm — to the war against the Coronavirus.

Such a public relations exercise is necessary to dispel fears that anti-vaxxers — those who for whatever reason are unwilling to get themselves vaccinated — have about the possible adverse side-effects of being inoculated. This confidence-building strategy seems to have worked and what might be called jabbies — pictures of people getting jabs — are fast overtaking selfies as the most widely circulated images on social media.

India — the world's most populous, and some would say most raucous, democracy — has long prided itself on its** vox populi, **the voice of the people. Now, as the world's biggest producer of the anti-virus vaccine which it's exporting to some 70 countries across the globe, it can justly take pride in its** vax populi, **its leading role in immunising people against the dreaded disease.

As in the case of protective face coverings where public reluctance to wear them was sought to be overcome by enlisting fashionistas to design masks so that they were not just safe but also stylish to wear, the vaccination drive is getting a shot in the arm via the boost given to it by trending social media images of people being inoculated, which has become the new 'in' thing. In all, we'll be seen to be going truly viral in presenting a picture of good health, in more ways than one.

— Jug Suraiya in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

The stunning diamond beach of Iceland

Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon: A black sand beach littered with huge chunks of glistening ice has become one of the most visited attractions in and for good reason, it looks likes something out of a fantasy movie.

Known as Breiðamerkursandur in Icelandic, Diamond Beach takes its name from the chunks of pristine ice scattered across the black volcanic sand and glistening like giant, uncut diamonds. It is located next to Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon on the South Coast of Iceland, about six hours away from the country's capital, Reykjavik. Although it's not part of the popular Golden Circle Tour, Diamond Beach has become one of the country's top tourist attractions in recent years and looking at photos of it, it's easy to see why.

The most amazing silk embroideries of XQ Dalat

Vietnam: Hand-made silk embroidery is a long-standing tradition in Vietnam, but the craft only recently reached its peak, when two artists – an embroider and a painter – decided to combine their skills and found the country's most successful hand embroidery studio XQ Dalat.

Founded by Hoang Le Xuan, a talented artisan, who inherited ancient embroidery techniques from her family and her husband, painter Vo Van Quan, the couple came up with the concept of embroidered paintings and also came up with new techniques to make it a reality. The unprecedented level of realism and detail displayed in the embroidered masterpieces of XQ Dalat catapulted the small family business to national and later, international success. Today, the company employs over 3,000 talented embroiders and caters to clients from all over the world.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Give importance to breast health to avoid breast cancer risk. Some tips include: Do not smoke, limit alcohol intake, eat healthy diet, maintain a healthy weight and exercise daily.

By Dr. Madhura Phatak - Consultant Consultant Obstetrics & Gynecology

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COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	MAR. 25	MAR. 26
Day's Positive Cases	89	67
Total Positive Cases	55,135	55,202
Day's Discharges	64	84
Total Discharges	53,614	53,698
Day's Deaths	2	1
Total Deaths	1,046	1,047
Total Active Cases	475	457

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Suttur Mutt's Digital Moonlight Music Programme on Sunday

Mysuru, Mar. 27- As part of the 228th edition of monthly moonlight music programme of Suttur Mutt, **Kanchana Sisters — Kanchana S. Shriranjani and Vid. Kanchana S. Shruthiranjani —** will present a Karnatak Musical Concert (Digital) from Suttur Shaka Mutt in city at 6 pm on Mar. 28. Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion.

They will be accompanied by **Vid. Keshava Mohan Kumar** on violin and **Vid. K.U. Jayachandrarao** on mridanga.

The digital music concert can be accessed through the following links: **YouTube:** *http://Youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline* OR **Facebook:** *https://www.facebook.com/JSSMVP* OR **Website:** *http://jssonline.org*, according to a press release.

REALLY...?

- *The first glass frames were made of wood, copper, leather, and bone. Spanish inventors attached ribbons to glasses simply to keep them from slipping down the nose.*
- *Famous singer and songwriter Elton John has an impressive collection of glasses. Estimates of the size of his eyewear collection range from as high as 2,50,000 pairs to a more reasonable 2,000 pairs.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Wife: *My husband went to the market yesterday to bring potatoes. He has not returned home yet.*

Inspector: *Why don't you cook something else?!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.45
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.91
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.72
1 Euro	= Rs. 85.67

VOICE OF THE READER

Defunct toy train at Bal Bhavan

Will our MP make it operational?

Sir,

This has reference to the news item ***'Sly Move! Railways quietly moving royal vintage locomotives from Mysuru'*** (*SOM* dated Mar.19).

First of all, I congratulate our MP Pratap Simha for his care and concern towards heritage of Mysuru. He has been raising a lot of issues pertaining to Railway projects in Mysuru and Kodagu. But I am quite surprised how come his attention has not gone towards the defunct toy train at Bal Bhavan in Bannimantap for so many years.

Every child wishes to enjoy a ride in the toy train during weekends. But the kids are not fortunate enough to enjoy this facility due to lack of co-ordination among various Departments.

Our MP was very much annoyed over shifting of a heritage locomotive from Mysuru to Hubballi. Now will he make the toy train operational so that our Mysuru children can say 'Thank You Simha Uncle.'

I hope our MP will take up this matter with the authorities concerned and do justice to Mysuru.

—M.S. Seshadri
on e-mail

Saraswathipuram
21.3.2021

FDP on 'Online Learning' held at JSS AHER

Mysuru, Mar. 27- JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, conducted a two-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on 'Online Learning' for the teaching faculty under the banner of Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) and Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) on Mar.16 - 17 and Mar.18 -19.

This FDP was inaugurated by Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-Chancellor and Dr. Surinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor, JSS AHER.

The 21st century has seen rapid progress with the internet and online learning and technology can help Universities and Educational Institutions foster learning process. Online learning platforms are now used as a mode to deliver e-content and provide various possibilities for implementing synchronous and asynchronous learning used extensively to complement face-to-face education.

Online learning has transformed the higher education sector by enabling students to share information and data, the digital way. The current day students, known as "Digital Natives" and "Millennials", are exceedingly comfortable with this paradigm shift in the teaching-learning. It is said that the learning performance in an online learning environment is influenced by students' readiness to adopt this innovative learning approach and the current times post-pandemic has paved the way for evolution of the same.

Dr. Surinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor, JSS AHER, is seen addressing the faculty as Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, Dr. B. Manjunatha, Registrar, JSS AHER and others look on.

The objective of this FDP was to orient and develop softskills and technological proficiency for adoption of Virtual Platform for adaptive learning and develop open educational resources with hands-on activity for interactive online teaching learning.

Around 105 participants from the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Life Sciences, Biomedical Sciences, Health System Management Studies and Yoga, benefited through the programme, according to a press release from Dr. B. Manjunatha, Registrar, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research.

Forum Mall Mysuru rings in assured gifts during 'Week of Happyness'

Mysuru, Mar. 27- Forum Centre City has been the only holistic shopping destination for Mysuru since its inception in 2018 and continues to cater to the needs of consumers.

This time round, from March 27 to April 4, there would be exclusive deals and assured prizes for everyone who shops at Forum Mall Mysuru during the 'Week of Happyness.'

With over 80-plus brands to choose from, the patrons would be spoilt, not just for choice, but the fact that they would take home an assured prize for shopping over a certain amount and the gratification keeps getting better, the higher you shop at the Mall.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Animals adopted

The following individuals / institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee: B. Srinivas Prasad, Mysuru - Spotted Deer (Rs. 7,500); Tumkur Precision Pressing Works, Tumakuru - Common Ostrich (Rs. 10,000); Manin Mahila Samaja, Mysuru - Four-Horned Antelope (Rs. 5,000).

Recruitment

The Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) has invited applications from eligible candidates for recruitment of Senior Medical Officer at ART Centre on contract basis for a one-year period. Interested candidates, aged below 64 years, can appear for a direct interview, along with all necessary documents, at Room No. 18 of ART Centre, between 9 am and 10 am on Mar. 30, according to the MMC&RI Nodal Officer.

Ph.D awardee

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Computer Science to A. Arun Kumar for his thesis 'Extraction of Superficial and Volumetric Features from 3D Colour Images' [Guide: Dr. E.G. Rajan].

Nominated

Mushtaq Ahmed has been nominated as the Tumakuru District Director for the Central Muslim Association (CMA) of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	102.00 feet
Yesterday	:	102.41 feet
Inflow	:	300 cusecs
Outflow	:	4,126 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Yesterday	:	2,265.45 feet
Inflow	:	88 cusecs
Outflow	:	760 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,822.86 feet
Inflow	:	27 cusecs
Outflow	:	45 cusecs

'We want to save lives, not meet fine collection targets'

City Police Commissioner attempts to clear air on traffic checking drives

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta flanked by MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar (extreme right) and General Secretary M. Subramanya during the interaction at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (RK&BCT)- Following a severe public backlash and outrage over the death of a two-wheeler rider while escaping a Police documentation check drive at Hinkal last week, the City Police seems to have learnt some lessons and have decided to rely more on technology to catch offenders rather than physical checks.

Coining new words like 'friendly' and 'transparent policing', 'tourist-friendly Police' and 'voluntary checking points,' the City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta told reporters yesterday that the intention of the Police is to save lives and prevent accidents and not to set and achieve targets to fill the State coffers.

At a Meet-the-Press organised by Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city yesterday, Dr. Chandragupta, who was criticised by elected representatives for remaining inside the office and not being proactive, clarified that they have to enforce rules in certain areas of the city to avoid accidents.

13 black spots

There are over 13 black spots (an accident black spot or black spot is a place where road traffic accidents have historically been concentrated) inside the city and there are many junctions where traffic from villages enter the main roads. "Here we have to enforce over-speeding and drunken-driving rules to prevent accidents. Let me clarify here that we are not levying fines to meet the target. We want to save lives," he said.

At the interaction, many reporters told the Commissioner that while he is clarifying that there are no targets set, the ground reality is different as the main duty of Policemen of all Stations seems to achieve the fine collection target set.

Reporters told the city Top Cop that from early morning till late in the night, Policemen are found at every street corners lurking behind trees, buildings and traffic signal posts, targeting motorists.

More reliance on technology

To this, Dr. Chandragupta replied that henceforth four to five teams checking vehicles on a single road will be banned. "Fines will be collected only by ASI rank and above officers and not the Policemen below the ASI rank. Also, we will reduce physical checking and rely more on technology," he said. Action will be taken if ineligible Policemen did so and they would be shifted out of traffic enforcement.

"From 2013 till date, fines have not been paid for over 36 lakh cases and audit team had objected to this and told us to speed up the collection process. On an average, every day 5,000 cases are booked in Mysuru and of them only 500 are by Policemen on the roads with 4,500 being booked at Automated Traffic Command Centres. We are not harassing the violators but have given them various options to clear the fine through electronic payments, wallet payments and KarnatakaOne and MysuruOne Centres. Still, fines are not being paid. In the coming days, 'Voluntary Checking Points' will be set up across the city so that violators can clear the pending payments," he said.

Commendation letters clarified

Clarifying on the allegation that the Police Commissioner has given commendation letters to the Policemen who were involved in the Hinkal accident where one person died due to Police over-zealousness, Dr. Chandragupta said that commendation letters have been given only to the drivers of Sanjeevini Ambulance and the Police rescue teams who reached the spot despite a huge mob presence and who were able to shift the injured to the hospital. "Despite the mob attacking on-duty traffic Policemen, other Policemen rushed to the spot in such a volatile situation and shifted the victim and injured to hospital. The commendation letter was intended to boost their morale, appreciating their commitment to duty knowing the risks," he said

"The incident is unfortunate and in future such checking drives will be avoided. A probe is on to ascertain who is at fault — whether the Police or the two-wheeler riders or the truck driver — and evidence is being collected. We are not manipulating the investigation to pin the blame on others," he said.

On MLC A.H. Vishwanath's criticism, he said, "He (the MLC) could have called me and clarified on this. I would have explained to him why I gave letters of appreciation."

Probe is on

"Traffic Policemen had no role to play since they were checking vehicles 250 metres away from the accident site. Claims that the biker fell off after a Policeman threw a lathi to stop him from evading checking are far-fetched. The probe will be based on all the complaints filed in this regard and also what eyewitnesses saw. All versions are being looked into. The truth will come out. We will be in a position to narrate its account only after investigation," he said.

No peak hour checking

"Henceforth we will avoid checking drives during peak hours. There won't be vehicle checking in areas having high-traffic density. Checking would be conducted between 10.30 am and noon and 3 pm to 5 pm from Monday to Friday."

"Weekends would be confined to collecting unpaid fines for traffic violations caught on camera. The respective traffic Police stations would announce schedule of checking in their limits and it would be confined to one particular violation -- helmetless driving or insurance checking and so on. However, in all accident zones and black spots, the checking would be carried out as usual," Dr. Chandragupta said.

Mysuru City Police Website domain name changed

The domain name of Mysuru City Police website has changed from *mysorecitypolice.gov.in* to ***https://mysurucitypolice.karnataka.gov.in/***

The new website has been designed and developed by the Centre for e-Governance, Government of Karnataka.

Dr. Chandragupta said that the State Government had decided to overhaul the websites of different districts and Commissionerates in the State so that all of them had a similar template. Earlier, the websites had been put up locally and had been hosted by private agencies and hence prone to hacking. Now, all the websites of the Police Department look similar, he added.

Bags Chief Minister's Medal

C.K. Ashwath Narayan

M. Mahadevaswamy

T.K. Mohan

M.G. Raghu

N. Mahesh

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (SBD&KS)- Five Police personnel are among the 115 Cops in the State who have bagged the Chief Minister's Medal for their exemplary service.

They are: City Crime Branch (CCB) Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) C.K. Ashwath Narayan, Krishnaraja (KR) Inspector M. Mahadevaswamy, Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) 5th Battalion ASI T.K. Mohan, District Armed Reserve (DAR) Head Constable M.G. Raghu and N. Mahesh, Constable, serving as a System Administrator, Computer Section at City Police Commissioner's Office.

Others in the State, who have bagged the medals include K.R. Pet Sub-Inspector B.P. Byatarayagowda, Hassan District Inteligence Assistant Sub-Inspector M.N. Kumar, Head Constables T.P. Manjunath (Virajpet Forest Mobile Squad) and K.A. Siddarth (Gonikoppa Police Station); Constables N. Naveen Kumar (Nagamangala Sub-Division), R. Prabhakar (Besagarahalli Police Station) and H.P. Shivananjappa (Gundlupet Police Station). The medals will be presented to them on the occasion of Police Flag Day on Apr. 2.

Forest Mobile Squad nab four persons, recover pair of tusks

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (MTY&SSV)- The staff of Forest Mobile Squad have arrested four persons and seized a pair of tusks and four vehicles including three two-wheelers here yesterday.

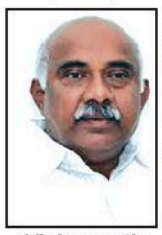
The arrested are identified as Ravikumar and Shivakumar of Tumbasoge village, Ashok of Salakoppalu village of Bettadapura hobli in Periyapatna taluk and Kumara Nayak of H.D. Kote.

They were nabbed while they were trying to sell a pair of tusks near Annur in H.D. Kote taluk. Three two-wheelers and a goods vehicle have been seized.

The raid was held under the supervision of Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) A.T. Poovaiah, Range Forest Officer (RFO) Vivek, Deputy Range Forest Officers (DRFOs) B.N. Sundar, Pramod, D.M. Vinodkumar, P. Lakshmeesh and M.G. Nagaraj, Forest Guards Govinda, Sharanappa, Kotresh Pujar, Ravikumar, Chennabasavaiah and Virupaksha and drivers Madhu and Puttaswamy.

Hinkal incident: MLC Vishwanath slams Police top brass

Will Police fend for the victim's family?
Mysuru Police have lost track, says MLC


Vishwanath

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (MTY&BCT)- MLC A.H. Vishwanath has lashed out at City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta for commending the Traffic Police on their handling of the Hinkal incident where a motorcyclist died in an accident during a document check drive on Tuesday last.

"The Commissioner has given commendation certificate to his men for taking the life of an innocent commuter," Vishwanath said, speaking to reporters at Jaladarshini Guest House on Thursday.

Following the accident in which Devaraju, a two-wheeler rider, was killed and pillion rider Suresh sustained injuries after a tipper vehicle ran over them, enraged public thrashed two Policemen on duty following which the Police have arrested a few persons while spreading their dragnet to nab others involved in the violence.

Vishwanath said that the death was due to the 'overzealousness' of the Police. The law does not state that the Police should give the motorists a chase to check their documents.

Commenting on the incident where Devaraju took a U-turn in a bid to escape from the Police during which Devaraju lost control of the bike and fell on the road, Vishwanath said that it was unfortunate that the Police are chasing violators.

"The City Police Commissioner does not come out of his office, instead of being proactive and the lower rank officers violate traffic manual and Motor Vehicle Rules and are unlawfully resorting to weird means of imposing penalties," he said.

"What are the DCPs and ACPs and Inspectors doing? Should not they guide the Constables? There are hundreds of CCTV cameras all over the city and the Police can easily catch the violators. Why chase and cause accidents? Can't they use the hi-tech gadgets already given to them by the Government? This is a dastardly act and cannot be tolerated and I condemn it," he added.

"Will the Police fend for the family of victim Devaraju? Who gave the Police the right to resort to such a means to collect fine? While the Home Minister has clearly said that the Police are not authorised to check vehicles on busy roads, the ground reality is entirely different. Innocent lives are being lost and Mysuru Police have crossed all limits. I will speak to the Home Minister and Mysuru District Minister in this regard," he said.

"No one is preventing the Police from checking documents and booking violators for traffic violations. But there has to be a system in place. The Police cannot be reckless. Here unfortunately, a life is lost due to insensitiveness of the Police. Mysuru Policemen think themselves as above law and they are losing track. They don't even respect elected representatives," he said.

No Mobile Library on Mar. 28

Mysuru, Mar. 27- Due to some technical difficulties in the library vehicle, City Central Library's Kuvempu Mobile Library (Kuvempu Sanchari Granthalaya) will not be operating on Mar. 28 in MCC Ward Numbers 44, 46, 57, 63, 64 and 65. Readers, who had borrowed books from the Mobile Library and were supposed to return on Mar. 28, can return the same on Apr. 4 for which there will be no fine, according to a press release.

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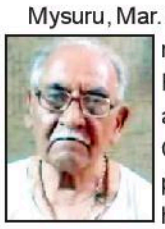
V.K. Venkataram



Mysuru, Mar. 27- V.K. Venkataram (88), a former Railway Official and a resident of Chamundipuram, passed away here yesterday.

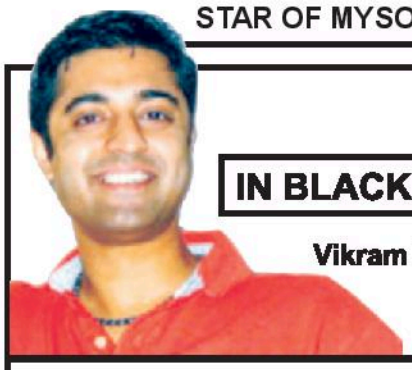
He was also a former Vice-President of Hoysala Karnataka Sangha. He had served the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangha (RSS) post retirement.

He leaves behind his wife, three sons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed on Friday evening.

Nagarathnamma

Nagarathnamma (72), wife of late Doreswamy and a resident of Gunduraonagar in city, passed away here yesterday following a heart attack.

She leaves behind her son Ramesh Kunigal, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.



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Vikram Muthanna

When VEERAPPAN had to pay a BRIBE

In most nations, when a good citizen sees a Policeman it arouses a sense of security; here it arouses fear and distrust — Mumbai Police have shown why. The Mumbai Police might have destroyed the Mumbai underworld but then a new one was born… born from amongst its own ranks.

This is not just a Mumbai problem, it's a national issue. That is why today good people who are supposed to love and trust the Police fear them the most, while the bad people who are supposed to fear the Police love them the most!

What is most ironic about the Mumbai Police case is that one of the Police Officers, who was asked to collect *hafta*, was an Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) in the "Social Service Branch" of the Police Department. What a tragedy.

It is no surprise then that the Bengaluru-based '*Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy*' in its 2013 survey reported that on average an Indian pays a bribe of about Rs. 26,932 in a year! The top bribed cities — Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Kolkata. And the Department that gets the most bribes — The Police.

In India, they say we have two economies — an organised sector and an unorganised sector. But there is a third — the bribe economy. This third one is where the maximum black money is. India's black money is hidden in the land banks and lockers of Indian Government servants, not in Swiss banks and lockers.

Corruption and black money cannot be fixed by demonetisation; it has to be fixed with the fear of law and punishment. If BJP is really a nationalist party, as it claims to be, then let it put in place laws that prosecute erring Government officials, after all, the most common issue of all Indians is corruption. But …

In 2015, the Government proposed amendments to the Prevention of Corruption Act. This amendment Bill, instead of making it easy for victims of bribe demands, increases the burden of proof on them for punishing the corrupt!

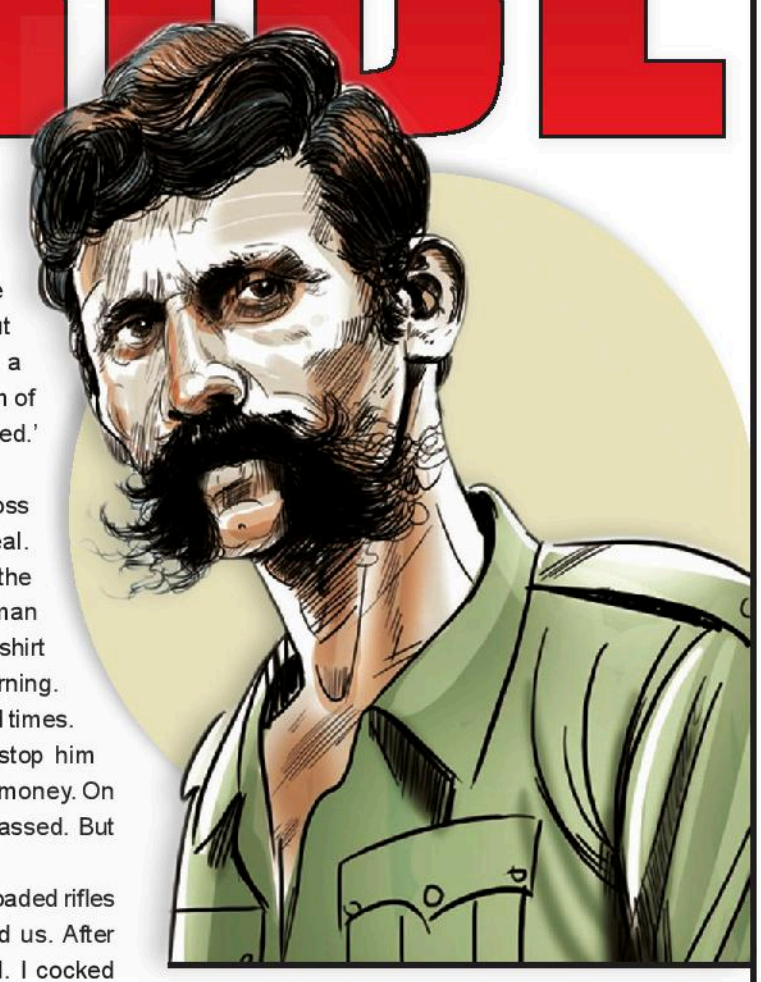
Worse, the investigating agencies have been barred from even initiating an inquiry into allegations of corruption without prior approval from the Government! How will a boss approve the investigation of his junior staff who is his collector?!

Even the law to deal with petty corruption, the Grievance Redress Bill, 2011 which had lapsed with the dissolution of the Lok Sabha in 2014, has not been re-introduced... unless the BJP plans to re-brand it and re-introduce it as their own idea in 2024 like they did with 19 other Congress schemes in 2014 from *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan* (called *Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan* under Congress) to *Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Yojana* (called National Girl Child Day programmes under Congress).

This inaction by successive Governments has emboldened corrupt officials and today they feel they are entitled to it — bribe!

So addicted are Government officials to bribes that it has become second nature to them. They did not even spare Veerappan! Yes, even the feared forest brigand had to pay up. Here is the story of that incident as narrated by the much-awarded and admired Mysuru-based wildlife photographers Krupakar and Senani in their book ***"Birds, Beasts and Bandits: 14 Days with Veerappan."*** The book is about the time they spent with Veerappan after they were kidnapped by the brigand. In the book Krupakar writes:

I had read that Veerappan had extracted a ransom of Rs. 3 crore for a kidnap some years ago. I asked him if this was true. He sat thinking for a while and exclaimed, 'Oh, you are talking about that kidnap, aren't you? I had captured a Government official and asked for a ransom of three crore. The Government almost yielded.' He then told his story:



'How were they to get the money across to me? Where? When? We struck a deal. There's this little village in the middle of the forest. A four-mile road connects it. The man bringing the money had to wear a white shirt and come on a motorbike at ten in the morning. He had to go up and down the road several times. We had secretly agreed that we would stop him somewhere along the road and collect the money. On the said day I was waiting. Many hours passed. But there was no sign of the motorbike.

We were hiding behind the bushes with loaded rifles to ambush the Police in case they raided us. After some twenty minutes, we heard a sound. I cocked my rifle, and peeped through the bushes. A cyclist, with four pots of water, was going towards the village. He was pushing his cycle up the narrow road. He wore a faded *dhoti* and banian, and had tied a towel around his head to protect himself from the sun. I observed him closely.

If he had been a villager, he would have hurried to reach home. But this man's eyes were darting this way and that, and scanning the trees and bushes along the way. That moment I realised he was no villager, but a Policeman in disguise. He was trying to gather information dressed up as a farmer. But they cannot fool me so easily. I know their brains even better than they do.'

'What happened next, Veerappan?' I asked. 'What else? As soon as he was close enough, I pounced on him with my rifle. He was so frightened he left the bicycle and ran at lightning speed. He must have imagined I was chasing him. In his haste, he didn't even notice that his *dhoti* had fallen off. He ran in his shorts. The pots crashed from the cycle, and all the water flowed on the road,' he said. Veerappan's boys clapped and laughed loudly at this point. He joined them.

'So what happened to the three crore you had to get?' I asked. He explained, 'Hang on, I'll tell you. Two hours later, we heard a motorbike approaching. I looked closely at the rider. It was evident he had brought the money. Before he could do another round, I showed myself. He parked the bike to one side, saluted me, and stood by respectfully. 'Where are you from?' I asked. 'Coimbatore. Collector's office, Sir,' he said. 'What do you do?' 'Second division clerk.' 'All right, where's the money?' I asked. He untied a bag from the handle of the bike, and turned towards me. 'Ey, stand away. Walk twenty meters, and throw all the money on to the road,' I said. 'What if they had sent a bomb in the bag? You never know how these rogues' minds work.'

Our men later bundled the money into another bag. There was just three lakh. 'Where's the rest?' I said, angrily. 'Sir, this is the amount they gave me,' he said, and stood his ground. 'All right, you carry on,' I said. He didn't move. 'You can go,' I ordered. He continued standing. 'I was taken aback. People run the moment they see Veerappan. But here I was telling this man to get lost, and he was still standing around.'

'What else?' I asked loudly. 'He bent forward, scratching his head with his left hand, and said, 'Nothing for me, sir?' 'I gave him ten thousand, to rid myself of his wretched presence.'

Krupakar then writes, 'Even Veerappan couldn't escape paying a bribe!' and then adds his friend and colleague Senani's reaction: 'Krupa, is there any bravery award given out by the Government that's bigger than the *Param Vir Chakra?*' 'Why, do you want to recommend one for Veerappan?' I asked. 'No, for the clerk from the Collector's office!" said Senani.

Unfortunately, while Veerappan killed many innocent officers, he didn't think of eliminating this clerk. Had he done so, may be many poor people would have been spared of this corrupt clerk's harassment. But then, when it comes to Government officials the next one, usually, is no better than the previous one like Hydra, the monstrous serpent from Greek mythology.

It is obvious we need protection from our so-called protectors. The rot is undoubtedly deep, but if the Government does not punish officers and politicians who are caught red-handed, then the public will.

There are already signs that the public are frustrated and emboldened. The case of Police being attacked even in a docile city like Mysuru and the murder of a Government clerk in Navi Mumbai for demanding too much bribe, are signs that if the Government cannot punish bad officials, then sooner rather than later, the public will.

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Mega Lok Adalat gets huge response

All 52 Courts in district crowded with litigants, advocates; roads, parking spaces chock-a-block

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (RK&BCT)- With all the Government offices and Banks closed on account of Fourth Saturday, litigants queued up in front of all the 52 Courts in city and district in an attempt to solve their long-pending legal disputes in the Mega Lok Adalat that was held in city this morning.

The City and District Law Court Complex on Krishnaraja Boulevard and at Jayanagar (Malalawadi) Court Complex and also at all the Benches in all Taluk Courts of the district were jam-packed with litigants, advocates, arbitrators and the cases were decided by a team of Judges under the leadership of Principal District and Sessions Judge Ramachandra D. Huddar.

In city, the Lok Adalat was organised at all the 45-odd Courts by District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) as part of a State-wide exercise. Over 1.1 lakh cases are pending in the district of which 84,785 cases are fit for amicable settlement.

Of the 84,785 cases, 24,951 are identified to be settled in today's Lok Adalat. It will go on till the evening and is expected to settle at least 15,000 cases. As the hearings were on, the exact number of cases settled will be known only by evening.

Hundreds of litigants had gathered in front of various Lok Adalat Benches and the parking spaces inside the Court Complexes and the outside road was chock-a-block with cars, SUVs and two-wheelers.

Arbitration of cases helps in saving money and time for litigant public. It would also reduce the burden on Courts. Apart from Ramachandra Huddar, who is also DLSA Chairman, Judges Vijayan, Sudhir Shetty, Virupaksha, Manjunath, Saraswathi and other Judges heard the litigants of rival parties and settled the cases.

Types of cases

Disputes including cheque bounce, Bank loan and property recoveries, civil and civic issues with Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), employment issues at companies, factories and industries, criminal cases that can be compromised, family disputes, divorce cases, child custody rights cases, payment of alimony by husbands to wives, motor vehicles cases, pension cases, electricity and water bill disputes, land acquisition and revenue disputes, house and property rent and lease disputes and other cases were heard at the Lok Adalat today. However, cases of heinous nature such as rape or murder do not qualify for such settlements.

Panel of Judges

Each panel of Lok Adalat was headed by Judges, Judicial Officers with advocates and social workers as its members assisted by law students. There is no Court fee payable when a matter is filed in a Lok Adalat. If a matter pending in the Court of law is referred to the Lok Adalat and is settled subsequently, the Court fee originally paid in the Court on the complaints/ petition is also refunded back to the parties.

Lok Adalat is one of the alternative dispute redressal mechanisms and it is a forum where disputes/ cases pending in the Court of law or at pre-litigation stage are settled/ compromised amicably. Lok Adalats have been given statutory status under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

Under the Act, the award (decision) made by the Lok Adalats is deemed to be a decree of a Civil Court and is final and binding on all parties and no appeal against such an award lies before any Court of law.

Most of the issues settled at Lok Adalats are satisfactory to the litigants as the disputes are amicably settled through arbitration. If the parties are not satisfied with the award of the Lok Adalat (though there is no provision for an appeal against such an award), they are free to initiate litigation by approaching the Court of appropriate jurisdiction.

'India displays nationalism by distributing COVID-19 vaccine to its neighbours'

(Continued from page 1)

"India's nationalism does not mean anti-internationalism as propagated by some leaders. If we were not believers in nationalism, then we would not have distributed vaccine to our neighbours," MP Tejasvi Surya noted.

Minor Irrigation Minister J.C. Madhuswamy, who inaugurated the seminar, said that regionalism plays an important role in a country like India that has 28 States, 1,600 languages and 6,400 castes. But, one leader who was accepted in length and breadth of the country has been Mahatma Gandhi. The States have suffered when the Central Government behaved in a dictatorial manner. For this reason, former PM late Indira Gandhi had been criticised. Though small States were brought under the federal structure, still the feeling of regionalism has not gone away, he said adding that the old Mysuru Districts witnessed a lot of development in various fields due to visionary rulers like Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and thousands of people have been benefited from this king's progressive policies including him.

Ruing that development will not take place where peace was missing, he said India was surrounded by enemies on all sides. Once Sri Lanka was a part of India but became a separate country thereafter. But India's stand on Sri Lankan Tamilians has affected friendship among two neighbours. People of Sikkim and Nagaland were never considered as the citizens of India till recently. But things were changing after Modi became the PM, he said.

N. Ravikumar, MLC, Thontadarya, former MLC, Dr. R. Balasubramaniam, Founder, Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM) and M.G. Sadanandaiah, President, Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit, were present.

10-day workshop at Children's Home

Mysuru, Mar. 27- Commemorating the 50th Death Anniversary of M. Ramarao, who taught in English Department, MGM, and later became Chief Editor of English-Kannada Dictionary of Mysore University, Children's Literary Club is organising 'Intertwine Interdisciplinary Methodology to Strengthen Fundamentals of English Language,' a 10-day workshop at Chamundi Children's Home in Brindavan Extension here from Mar. 28. The workshop will start at 5 pm tomorrow.

Ramarao was the father of Dr. R. Purnima, Director of Children's Literary Club, and her siblings Dr. R. Indira and Dr. R. Pratibha.

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Free hearing test for children with deafness

Mysuru, Mar. 27 - District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. T. Amarnath inaugurated National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD) at the Office of DHO, organised by District Health and Family Welfare Department recently.

Speaking on the occasion, NPPCD Nodal Officer Dr. Ravi said, "Our team of medical officers will conduct free hearing test for children up to 18 years of age, every month in Mysuru district. Our Department is providing free treatment for children with hearing loss by birth. In case of severe ear infection, everyone should undergo hearing test and get it promptly treated. Never go to road-side quacks or unqualified persons for cleaning of the ears which might lead to grave consequences. Maintain a healthy lifestyle and avoid high-pitched sounds." District Audiologist Dr. C.V. Vineetha, NPPCD members and other staff members were present at the World Hearing Day event.

BJP announces candidates for bypolls

New Delhi, Mar.27- The BJP high command on Thursday night announced the list of party candidates for the bypolls to two Assembly segments and one Lok Sabha seat in Karnataka, which is scheduled to take place on Apr.17.

The bypolls to Maski Assembly seat was necessitated by the resignation of the then Congress MLA Pratapgouda Patil while the bypoll to Basavakalyan Assembly segment was necessitated by the demise of sitting Congress MLA B. Narayan Rao and the bypoll to Belagavi LS seat due to the death of Union Minister of State for Railways Suresh Angadi.

The BJP has fielded the late Union Minister Suresh Angadi's wife Mangala Angadi for the Belagavi LS seat, while Pratapgouda Patil will contest on the party ticket from Maski Assembly segment in Raichur district and Sharanu Salagar from Basavakalyan Assembly segment in Bidar district.

The BJP also announced the candidature of former Karnataka Chief Secretary Ratna Prabha for the bypolls to Tirupati Lok Sabha seat in Andhra Pradesh. Ratna Prabha had joined the BJP two years ago after she retired as Karnataka Chief Secretary.

Congress candidates

Taking a step ahead, the Congress had announced the candidature of MLA Satish Jarkiholi for the Belagavi LS seat, Basanagouda Turvihal for Maski Assembly segment and Mallamma Narayanrao, wife of late MLA Narayanrao for Basavakalyan Assembly seat last week.

The bypolls will take place on Apr.17 and the results will be announced on May 2.

'Parva has made my name immortal'

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (MK&SSV)- "After seeing the stage presentation of my novel 'Parva' recently, I am reading it again after a gap of 8-10 years," said Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa, the noted novelist here on Wednesday.

His famous novel 'Parva' was presented in theatrical form by Mysuru Rangayana at Kalamandira recently. It is directed by noted director Prakash Belawadi. Participating in an interaction with theatre enthusiasts over a cup of tea in Rangayana premises here on Wednesday, Dr. Bhyrappa said Mysuru Rangayana has done a good work.

"I never knew that I will become a novelist. But 'Vamshavruksha' novel changed my life. Earlier, I was reading books on Philosophy and wanted to become a writer like Dr. S. Radhakrishnan. But, the 'Parva' novel made my name eternal and I am indebted to it," the *Saraswathi Samman* awardee said.

Dr. Bhyrappa said while the Russian novels were extensive, the British novels were very short. Both these have had impact on Indian literature. One may get different thoughts by gazing the skies of Russia and Britain separately. Russia may be big in area but India was much bigger culturally. Every place in India has a history. While the Gopura of North Indian temples resembles Himalaya Mountains, the South Indian temples resembled the Hills. All these had impact on his writing, he added.

He said a lot of research was done before writing 'Parva' and studied Social Sciences, Ancient Indian History, Economics, Politics, food habits and agriculture. All these are incorporated in 'Mahabharata.' "Before writing 'Vamshavruksha,' I read the big eight volumes of 'History of Dharmasastra' written by P.V. Kane. This helped me to understand minute details of Dharmasastra."

Earlier, a number of theatre enthusiasts shared their views on the play. Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa said that Dr. Bhyrappa was like another Saint Veda Vyasa as he has written the extended part of Mahabharata. It was a matter of pride that Rangayana has successfully brought 'Parva' novel into theatrical form.

Savithribai Phule Award conferred on Prof. M.S. Manonmani

Mysuru, Mar.27 - Prof. M.S. Manonmani, Head, Department of Psychology at Maharani's Arts College for Women in city, has bagged the prestigious Savithribai Phule Fellowship National Award for the year 2020.

She has been honoured with the award in recognition of her contributions to the social, literary and cultural development of the oppressed and downtrodden sections of the society.

Prof. Manonmani was conferred the award at the two-day 36th Dalit Writers National Conference, organised by Bharatiya Dalit Sahitya Academy at Delhi's Panchsheel Ashram on Mar. 13 and 14, which was presided over by former Union Minister Sanghapriya Gautham. The programme was attended by Delhi Government's Social Welfare Minister Rajendrapal Gautham, former Union Minister Sathyanarayan Jatia, Railway Board Chairman Rameshchandra Ratna and a host of other personalities.

Prof. M.S. Manonmani

Women Congress leaders stage demonstration

Bengaluru, Mar.27- Strongly condemning Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar's 'monogamy test' remark in the Legislative Assembly, the women Congress leaders and workers staged a demonstration in front of Congress Bhavan on Queens Road here on Thursday.

Condemning former Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi's sleaze CD case, the protestors who held CDs, raised slogans against Minister Dr. Sudhakar, former Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi and the BJP Government in the State.

Maintaining that Minister Dr.Sudhakar's remark on 'monogamy test' was an insult to the Legislature, they accused the Government of rampant corruption and immorality. Questioning Dr. Sudhakar's statement, they claimed that the Minister is unfit to be in power.

Pledging to fight for rendering justice to the woman victim in sleaze CD case, they alleged that Dr. Sudhakar has not only insulted the Legislature, but also women Legislators.

Accusing Dr. Sudhakar of arrogance, they urged the Chief Minister to sack him, if he does not voluntarily resign.

KPCC Women's Wing President Dr. Pushpa Amarnath, MLAs Lakshmi Hebbalkar, Sowmya Reddy and Roopakala Shashidhar, leaders Kusuma Shivalli, Vasantha Kavitha and others were took part.

Cough up 15% more Property Tax from Apr. 1

Mayor Rukmini Madegowda, flanked by Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig and MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, during the Council Meeting yesterday. Picture right shows BJP Corporator Sunanda Palanetra speaking at the Council Meeting.

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (SBD & BCT)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Council has decided to increase Property Taxes by 15 percent which will come into effect from Apr. 1, 2021.

The hike will cover all residential and commercial buildings, vacant sites, industries, trusts, cinema and marriage halls, commercial complexes, community halls, malls, choultries, hotels, schools, charitable trusts and colleges. The decision was taken at the meeting of the Council held yesterday that was presided over by Mayor Rukmini Madegowda. Deputy Mayor Anwar Baig and MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag were present. With the revision, the cash-strapped MCC is expected to rake in an additional Rs. 30 crore more than the existing revenue. At present, the Civic Body collects about Rs. 150 crore and with the revision, it will gain Rs. 180.34 crore.

In an effort to raise revenues of City Corporations, the State Government this year has passed an ordinance that allows yearly upward revision of tax on properties coming under all City Corporations of the State, barring BBMP. The Act enables yearly enhancement of property tax in the range of 3 to 5 percent in all 10 City Corporations — Mysuru, Davanagere, Ballari, Tumakuru, Shivamogga, Hubballi-Dharwad, Belagavi, Vijayapura, Mangaluru and Kalaburagi — in the State.

Earlier, the property tax used to generally undergo a revision once in three to five years, when the Government raised taxes by 15 to 30 percent at once. But the new Bill will allow the City Corporations to enhance property taxes in their limits by 3 to 5 percent every year. Yesterday's decision to hike Property Tax in Mysuru is based on this Act. However, the 15% hike was opposed by former Mayors Ayub Khan and Arif Hussain and Corporators Prema Shankaregowda and SBM Manju who argued that the taxes will burden the people who are already burdened by COVID. Opposing the hike, Corporators from Opposition benches felt that the hike was steep and would burden the middle class and the poor.

Rs. 30 crore increase

Commissioner Shilpa Nag told the Council that actually, the property tax had to be revised in 2020 after it was increased in 2017. The MCC could not do so due to Coronavirus contagion. She said that MCC has set a target of collecting Property Tax amounting to Rs. 150 crore from 1,83,949 properties and with a 15% hike, the MCC will gain Rs. 180.34 crore with an addition of Rs. 30 crore, she explained.

"In the previous years, 85 to 90% of Property Tax used to be collected but this time only 60% has been collected. We have initiated measures to collect dues and all the officers of nine Zones are at it," she clarified. Cinema halls, kalyana mantaps, hotels, lodges, choultries and community halls fall under super-commercial category. "We have included malls too in this category and instead of super-commercial, we have categorised commercial buildings as Commercial-B and Commercial-A," she explained.

Commercial-B properties exempted

Till now, all commercial buildings were treated as commercial and super-commercial properties and as cinema halls, kalyana mantaps, hotels, lodges, choultries and community halls fall under super-commercial category, more taxes were levied.

"This particular tax system is unique to Mysuru city and exists nowhere in Karnataka. As such, there was a demand from owners of such properties to make it a uniform tax for all properties," Shilpa Nag said. Henceforth, instead of super-commercial, the MCC is proposing to categorise commercial buildings as Commercial-B and Commercial-A. Since taxes for Commercial-B is high at present, the new hike will not come into effect for them.

"Commercial-B properties have been exempted from the Property Tax increase but they will have to pay the pending taxes," the Commissioner proposed and this was accepted by the Council. The Council also approved the process of collecting or exempting taxes from schools, colleges and charitable trusts as per rules.

Elected for Committees

Meanwhile, Corporator Shivakumar was elected as the Opposition leader and Ashwini Ananthu was elected the leader of the ruling party. For the Rangacharlu Purabhavan (Town Hall) Committee, S. Sathwik, Pushpalatha Jagannath, Pramila Bharat, Mohammad Rafiq, V. Lokesh, H.M. Shanthakumari and V. Ramesh were elected.

For the Ambale Annaiah Pandit Free Student Hostel Committee (Poor Student Feeding Committee) where Mayor is the Chairman and Deputy Mayor is the nominated member, Bhagya, J. Gopi, Geethashree Yoganand, Shobha and M. Lakshmi were elected.

For Farm Committee where Deputy Mayor is the Chairman, Samiulla (Ajju), Savood Khan, M.U. Subbaiah, C. Vedavathi, Basheer Ahmed and Syed Hasrathulla were elected.

What's wrong in a peck on Mayor's cheek by hubby?

Mayor just smiles to BJP's objections

Mysuru, Mar. 27 (SBD & BCT)- Mayor Rukmini Madegowda's moves and behaviour as soon as she took over the coveted post recently came in for severe criticism from the BJP Corporators at the very first meeting of the MCC Council held in city last evening.

As soon as the proceedings began, BJP's Sunanda Palanetra, who was a strong contender for the Mayor's post but eventually lost, raised the happenings during the Mayor election. "A Mayor must tread a cautious path as the person occupying the post is the First Citizen of Mysuru. The move of Mayor, wearing the traditional gown, of falling at the feet of the Presiding Officer was unfortunate and regrettable. The Mayor must clarify on this to the people of Mysuru," she said.

Joining the debate, Corporator B.V. Manjunath said that the Mayor's husband in an unauthorised manner climbed the podium soon after the elections and lifted the Mayor and pecked on her cheek. "This behaviour is uncalled for as it is a public forum where hundreds of people are watching and not a private section of a house. People who allowed this must be dealt severely with and the Mayor must apologise to the public," he demanded.

This apology-seeking was objected to by the ruling Congress-JD(S) combine and ridiculed the BJP of not speaking about the CD sex scandal where a BJP Minister was exposed.

Responding to the hue and cry, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag said that such incidents will not happen in the future and officers would be strictly instructed to follow the rule book.

However, Mayor Rukmini Madegowda, who was at the centre of controversy, did not respond to the allegations made by the BJP members who tried to put her in a fix. She kept on smiling and did not react. The Council proceedings were, however, drowned in din as the ruling and opposition Corporators hurled arguments at each other.

WORD OF THE DAY

Hobbit

Pronunciation: HAH-bit.
Meaning: A member of a fictitious peaceful and genial race of small humanlike creatures that dwell underground.
Origin: "What is a hobbit?" wrote J.R.R. Tolkien in the 1937 fantasy novel that introduced Mr. Bilbo Baggins. The author then answered himself: "They are (or were) little people, about half our height, and smaller than the bearded Dwarves.... There is little or no magic about them, except the ordinary everyday sort which helps them to disappear when large stupid folk like you and me come blundering along...." Tolkien tells us that hobbits "are inclined to be fat," and that they "dress in bright colours"; they "have good-natured faces, and deep fruity laughs (especially after dinner)." Tolkien, a professional linguist who taught at Oxford, coined the word hobbit (and many other terms—in fact, a whole new language) for *The Hobbit* and for his enormously popular series *The Lord of the Rings.*
Example: "Enter through a pivoting hobbit-style front door with hardware from the 1800s and climb the spiral staircase crafted from an 800-year-old juniper tree. There are Douglas fir beams, exposed rafters and a romantic wood stove." — Janet Eastman, OregonLive.com, 3 Sept. 2020.

THE ODD WORD

Habergeon

Sleeveless mail coat.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Hard pill to swallow

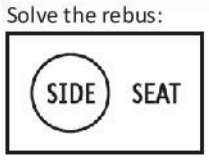
Meaning: If a person receives news that is difficult to accept, they might say "that is a hard pill to swallow."
Origin: A long time ago, it looks like this phrase was simply said as "a pill to swallow." Then later, the adjectives "hard" and "bitter" were added to it. Well, the oldest version of the expression that one could find does not have any adjectives in it. For example, in the 17th century, an English poet named John Dryden wrote the expression in a work of his called Essay of Dramatic Peosy, 1668:
"We cannot read a verse of Cleveland's without making a face at it, as if every word were a Pill to swallow: he gives us many times a hard Nut to break our Teeth, without a Kernal for our pains."
Sometime later, the word "bitter" was added to the phrase. The earliest example is from a French historian named Mr. Rapin Thoyras. In one of his written works from 1736, it reads:
"This event, which happened the 7th of September, N.S. was immediately follow'd by the relieving of time after, with the total explulsion of the French out of all Italy; a bitter pill to swallow."

QUOTE BOX

No one realizes how beautiful it is to travel until he comes home and rests his head on his old, familiar pillow. **—Lin Yutang**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: Ringside seat.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Tie the knot with ?
4 Genre you might hear at a nightclub
7 A river of Scotland
11 Foreman foe
12 1002 in Roman numerals
13 Mystery writer ___ Stanley Gardner
14 Scorns or scoffs at
17 A young horse
18 Dry land
20 ____ branch: symbolic peace offering?
22 Annoy or irk
23 Commit to paper
24 Neural networks
27 Bookies' signalling? (3-3)
31 Free from obligation
33 Coral isle
34 Something from a pod you can eat
35 In addition to
37 Felt sore
39 Father of India's nuclear programme (4,6)
42 Commotion
43 Flirtatiousness
46 Auto pioneer Ransom
47 __ Malik : music director of Kareeb and Suraksha
48 Suffix denoting native or inhabitant
49 A home for a bird
50 "Bad Behaviour" star Stephen
51 Milk producer

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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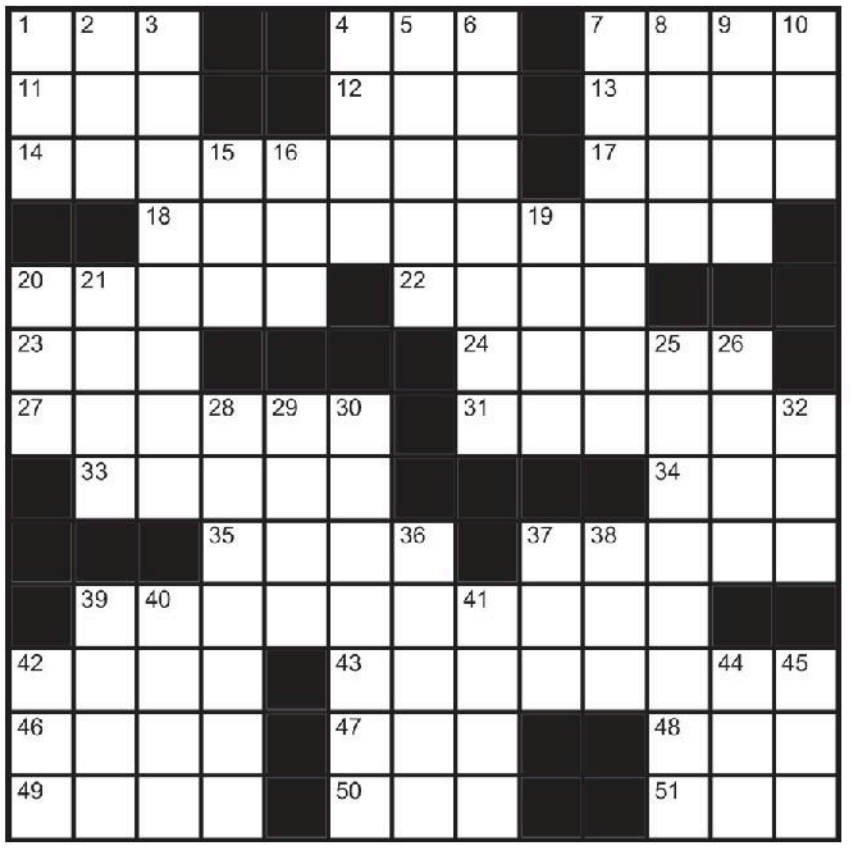
DOWN
1 A bundle of notes or papers
2 ___ Wallace : Hollywood star of the good old Western days?
3 Separate
4 Islamic chieftain
5 Currency of Algeria
6 Fail to explode
7 Place out of sight
8 School dance
9 Girl's name
10 To this point in time
15 Cricket legend Kapil ___
16 To be - a change of "era"?
19 Holly
20 Choose
21 Star Wars princess
25 Forceful
26 WWI German admiral
28 Highest
29 ___ ___ need : my minimal requirements, in a way? (3,1)
30 Railway carriage equipped with a lounge (4,3)
32 Little bit
36 Directed a light
37 Rajasthan's Mount ___
38 Fidel's friend Guevara
39 Gap
40 Probability
41 ___ regia : the solvent for gold?
42 Heavy weight
44 Railway Transport Officer
45 Coniferous tree



SUDOKO

6			1		5			
	2					3	1	
				9				
	6				3	1	8	
8		7				5		6
	3	4	6				7	
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	7	8					6	
			2		4			9

Answer to previous puzzle

5	3	4	7	1	8	6	2	9
7	8	2	5	9	6	1	4	3
9	6	1	4	3	2	8	5	7
2	1	3	6	7	9	4	8	5
4	9	7	8	5	1	2	3	6
6	5	8	3	2	4	9	7	1
8	2	5	9	6	3	7	1	4
3	4	9	1	8	7	5	6	2
1	7	6	2	4	5	3	9	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

NJ CAT XLM XATMS CATG HAMFC, CAT

VAM'S BLOF L QNRRNAM VARRLGI.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The man who says he is willing to meet you halfway is usually a poor judge of distance.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
Rang De (Te)	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Roberrt (K)	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Munduvareda Adhyaya (K)	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Chakra (Ta)	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
Aranya (Te)	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Roohi (H)	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Ranam (K)	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Anagha (K)	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Saina (H)	(S-1)	10.50 am, 7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-1)	1.40 pm; (S-2) 10.30 am
	(S-3)	3.35 pm, 6.45 pm
Aranya (Te)	(S-1)	4.40 pm
Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-2)	5 pm, 7.30 pm
	(S-4)	11.10 am, 1.45 pm, 9.50 pm
Thellavarithe Guruvaram (Te)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Ranam (K)	(S-2)	1.50 pm
Ondu Ghanteya Kathe (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Kala (Ma)	(S-3)	10.55 am
One (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Rang De (Te)	(S-4)	4.30 pm, 7.15 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-1)	10 am, 4 pm, 7 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	12.55 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am, 5.45 pm
Rang De (Te)	(S-1)	12.50 pm; (S-2) 6.45 pm
Saina (H)	(S-2)	9.50 am, 3.40 pm
Aranya (Te)	(S-4)	11.55 am
Kaadan (Ta)	(S-4)	9.15 pm
Ranam (K)	(S-3)	2.30 pm
Paaru (K)	(S-4)	6.00 pm
Nanna Guri Warrant (K)	(S-4)	3.00 pm
One (Ma)	(S-3)	9.30 pm
Thellavarithe Guruvaram (Te)	(S-2)	9.45 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Ranam (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am
Roberrt (K)	(S-1)	1.45 pm, 5.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am, 7.30 pm
Aranyam (Te)	(S-1)	8.45 pm
Rang De (Te)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 3.40 pm
One (Ma)	(S-2)	6.15 pm, 9.15 pm
	(S-4)	4.30 pm
Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	(S-3)	11 am, 1.30 pm, 4.15 pm 6.45 pm, 9.15 pm
Nanna Guri Warrant (K)	(S-4)	2 pm

PVR

Forum Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357088

Roberrt (K)	: 11.25 am 2.35 pm, 6.05 pm
Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	: 10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Aranya (Te)	: 11.10 am
English (Tulu)	: 2.45 pm
Jathi Rathanalu (Te)	: 9.45 pm
Saina (H)	: 9.20 am, 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.50 pm, 10 pm
Mumbai Saga (H)	: 3.30 pm
Rang De (Te)	: 12.20 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.40 pm
The Priest (Ma)	: 6.35 pm
Kala (Ma)	: 9.50 pm
Kaadan (Ta)	: 11 am, 6.15 pm
One (Ma)	: 3.05 pm

Garuda Mall, 1st Floor. Mob: 9901357088

Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	: 9.45 am, 12.45 pm, 3.45 pm, 6.45, 9.45 pm
Roberrt (K)	: 11 am, 2.40 pm, 6.20 pm
Hero (K)	: 3.45 pm
Kala (Ma)	: 6.40 pm
Saina (H)	: 12.30 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.40 pm
Rang De (Te)	: 12.10 pm, 3.20 pm, 10 pm
The Priest (Ma)	: 9.50 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 27)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, GoI, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and Department of Handloom and Textile & Commerce, GoK:** Special Handloom and Handicrafts Exhibition, Urban Haat premises, Hebbal Ring Road, **up to 9 pm.** [City Bus from KSRTC Bus Stand - Bus No.117]
- **Sahara Arts and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, JSS Ground, next to Doddakere Maidan, opp. Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Aarohana:** Geete-Kavite-7, rendering of *Prema Kavi* K.S. Narasimhaswamy's songs, K.S. Narasimhaswamy's granddaughter Dr. Mekhala Venkatesh chief guest, Mysuru City and District Brahmana Sangha President D.T. Prakash, youth leader N.M. Naveen Kumar and Jeevadhara Blood Bank Centre Director Girish special invitees, Singers - Sudhindra, Roopa Nagendra, Vidya Murthy, A.S. Nagalakshmi, A.S. Anantharamu and Radhike Dwarakanath, Dance performance by Nrityagiri Mysuru (S.C. Katyayini Amruta G. Bhat, Tanuja Hegde, Lakshmi, N.S. Akshata, Tejasree Murthy and K.N. Chetana, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **JSS Mahavidyapeetha:** Shivanubhava Dasoha Lecture Series, Dr. Vijayakumari S. Karikal, a faculty of Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), Manasagangothri, delivers talk on 'Akkana Vachanagalalli Prakruti Soundarya (The natural elegance in Akkana Vachanas),' Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Chairperson L.R. Mahadevaswamy presides, [Sponsored by Hemalatha Puttaswamy, a Librarian of JSS Educational Institutions at Suttur], No.19, 'Shivabasava Nilaya', Union Bank of India Road, 2nd Stage, JSS Layout, Lalithadripura, **6 pm.**
- **Karnataka Nataka Academy, Bengaluru and Mysuru District Amateur Theatre Artistes Forum:** World Theatre Day-2021, National School of Drama (NSD) Director C. Basavalingaiah, Rangayana Mysuru Director Addanda C. Cariappa, Karnataka Nataka Academy Member Radha Kodagu and Kannada & Culture Department Assistant Director H. Channappa will be present, felicitation to Rajyotsava Awardee H.K. Ramanath, Karnataka Nataka Academy Award recipients Venugopal, Shashikala, Ashwath Kadamba and Santoshkumar Kusanur and Sahitya Souharda Samman Award winner Dr. H.M. Kumaraswamy, World Theatre Day message will be read out by Abdul Kareem, **6 pm;** Staging of play 'QED' by Arivu Ranga, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of 3rd and final episode of 'Parva' — Yudha Parva (3-hour) — Directed by Prakash Belawadi, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Namo Yogabhavana:** Yoga Namana Programme, Mini Expo of Copper, Brass and Bronze Artefacts and Presentation of 'Samaja Seva Ratna' award, social worker Raghuam K. Vajpayee inaugurates, National Yoga Champion Yoga Prakash delivers keynote address, Corporator B.V. Manjunath presides, Dr. P.R. Vishwanath Shetty of K.R. Nagar Pathanjali Yogashrama Trust chief guest, Sri Basavalingamurthy Sharanaru of Bhavaikya Peetha, Rammanahalli, graces the occasion, Namo Yogabhavana, Ramanuja Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Niranthara Foundation:** 'Niranthara Ranga Utsava,' staging of play 'Koovigondu Kannadaka' by Bangalore Theatre Collective [Directed by Venkatesh Prasad], RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 28)

- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of mega play 'Parva' (Directed by Prakash Belawadi), Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Karnataka Kivudara Sangha, Mysuru:** 80th anniversary celebrations, inauguration by Sangha Mysuru President R. Ramegowda, Indira Gandhi Abhimanigala Vedike-Kalaburagi District President Jyothi M. Maragola, Indira Gandhi Abhimanigala Vedike Founder-President Mayasandra Rangappa Yadav, former Dy. Mayor Sridhar and Indira Gandhi Abhimanigala Vedike Bharata State Secretary Shilpa (Actress), Sangha premises, Sri Rajakumari Doddammani Ashrama, Umar Kayam Road, Tilak Nagar, **10.30 am.**
- **Sahara Arts and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, JSS Ground, next to Doddakere Maidan, opp. Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya:** First ascension anniversary of **Dadi Jankiji** who passed away on Mar. 27, 2020, Gyan Sarovar, Lingadevarakoppal, Hunsur Road, **11 am.**

- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Moonlight Music-228 Digital Programme, Karnatak Musical Concert (Digital) by Kanchana Sisters — Kanchana S. Shriranjani and Vid. Kanchana S. Shruthiranjani — accompanied by Vid. Keshava Mohan Kumar on violin and Vid. K.U. Jayachandrarao on mridanga, Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill [YouTube: http://Youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline **OR** Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/JSSMVP **OR** Website: http://jssonline.org], **6 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of Bhishma Sahani's play 'Parihara' (Directed by Natana School Principal Megha Sameera), School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Niranthara Foundation:** 'Niranthara Ranga Utsava,' valedictory Ceremony in the presence of Commissioner for Income Tax, Chennai, Jayaram Raipura and Deputy Commissioner of Police Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda, Jayaram Patil of Ranga Geleyaru, Mysuru and M.M. Suguna of Niranthara Foundation, 6.15 pm; Staging of play 'Kantu' by Samasthi, Bengaluru [Directed by Manjunath L. Badiger], RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **7 pm.**
- **Mysore Mime Team:** Staging of play 'Ondu Chitra Kathe' (Directed by Vinay Ninasam), Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

Tokyo Olympics

IOC slashes guest list

Tokyo, Mar. 27- The number of guests at Tokyo Olympics will be reduced as will non-essential staff, International Olympic Committee (IOC) said Friday, mirroring the decision by Japan to ban overseas spectators from attending the summer showpiece.

"The International Olympic Committee Executive Board has decided to grant accreditation only to people who have essential and operational roles at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020," the IOC said in a statement.

"This will significantly reduce the number of accredited people at the Games. It will be implemented by reducing a number of programmes, including the IOC Guest Programme."

The decision is a further consequence of staging the Games during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Tokyo Games should have been held in 2020 but were put back a year due to the spread of the coronavirus.

They will be staged in the Japanese capital from July 23 until August 8. Friday's decision also affects the Paralympics which will also be held in Tokyo.

Dak Adalat

Mysuru, Mar. 27- The Postal Department will be holding the Mysuru Divisional Dak Adalat at the Office of the Senior Superintendent of Posts, Mysuru, on Mar. 31 at 11 am.

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